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is not so.

AN INTERESTING CAREER.

How the Daughter of an Eminent Father
Sustains the Family Name.

Miss Mary Proctor is the daughter of Professor Richard A. Proctor, the distinguished astronomer. She is further noteworthy as a young woman who has achieved considerable success in that abstruse science upon her own account, having not only studied and written much concerning it, but also lectured upon it. "Of course I always expected some day to become an artist or write a book. That was the dream of my life—to be like my father and write books," she says of herself.

Miss Proctor was born in Dublin, and her earliest recollections are astronomical. Lord Lindsay had lent to her father a particularly fine telescope, and through the lens of this instrument the little girl, under her father's guidance, soon learned to make stellar journeys all for herself. The education that she gained from books was attained in England, at the Convent of Notre Dame. In 1836 she accompanied her father to the United States. She now made a special study of mythology and descriptive astronomy and began to contribute articles upon these subjects to her father's magazine, Knowledge, and to other publications. Her methods of study were of the sort to yield prompt and productive results. "I didn't pretend to follow any 'course,'" she says, "but when I became interested in any topic I simply found out all there was known about it."

Soon her writing adapted itself particularly to children, although she continued to contribute to the standard scientific periodicals of the day. Her entrance upon the lecture arena was almost by accident. Mrs. Potter Palmer, in her search for novel and excellent entertainment at the Columbian exposition, was inspired to ask Miss Proctor to deliver six astronomical lectures at the Children's building. Miss Proctor, who had never yet stepped upon a platform, accepted the offer and proceeded to write out her lectures. Arriving at the Children's building, manuscript in hand, she was informed that no lights were permitted in the building.

Nothing daunted, however, she launched forth upon her initial lecture, which, from post to finish, was this entirely impromptu. But the test, though severe, was triumphant. Since then her platform career has been uninterrupted prosperity, much of which is due to her making her talks descriptive and picturesque rather than technical. Her lectures to children have earned her much praise. "Giant Sun and His Family," proving an especial favorite.

It was Miss Proctor's original intention to confine herself to kindergarten lectures, but so many adults came to hear her that she was obliged to enlarge her scope. Next year her course will include two of her father's lectures, "Orbiter Worlds Than Ours" and "Comets." All her success she attributes to her father's patient sympathy in interesting her in these things when she was at the most impressionable age. "Never do I lecture without his picture pressed close to my heart, and then I feel that he is near and helping me," she says.

Besides her scholarship and intellectual ability Miss Proctor possesses much charm of voice and manner, and to this no small degree is due her popularity.

Fashion and Finger Nails.

It is entirely out of fashion to have the finger nails glisten like isinglass or a bird's talons now, and the patron of a manicure who leaves the nails too highly polished resorts to warm water and a nailbrush to remove the superfluous gloss, and the only desirable service the manicure can render is to rid the base of the nails of the encroaching and unsightly skin and to cut and file them to a perfect oval, for the pointed shape is regarded as decidedly vulgar. A slight polishing with a chamisso skin without salve or powder is quite sufficient to impart a desirable luster.

Kansas City Women.

The woman suffragists of Kansas City have organized. They will divide the city into districts and hold parlor meetings and endeavor to get every intelligent woman in the city into the association. One of their leaders says: "We do not expect to assume a prominent place in the political affairs of this state at any time in the near future, but we do expect to do much good by our labors in Kansas City. We are not a partisan body, but will enlist our strength with the party working toward public improvement and public good."

A Woman's Patent.

A New Jersey woman has patented a device for an improvement in envelopes in answer to the recent invitation of the government to submit ideas and designs for means to detect tampering with sealed letters. Her invention is very simple, merely the printing of a small device of any shape on the underside of the flap of the gummed envelope in a sensitive fluid, fixed when dry, but which will run or spread on the application of steam or moisture, thus showing whether the seal has been molested.

To Study the Woman Question.

Frau Professor von Gizyski of Berlin, wife of the professor of ethics at the University of Berlin, has organized a committee of German women to visit other countries to study the woman question. Two of these ladies are now in London—Frau Hanna Bieber-Boehm and Frau Jeannette Schwerin. They express themselves delighted to hear the progressive utterances of representative English women.

Milwaukee Woman's Club.

The Milwaukee Woman's club, under the presidency of the wife of the present governor of Wisconsin, created the stock company for the building of the atheneum, the first literary institute which the city possessed, and which, like the New Century clubhouse in Philadelphia, paid 5 per cent upon its investment the first year, the business being managed solely by women.



NEW FALL CAPES.

The figure on the right shows a triple cape, to be worn with or without an ulster. It is of gray cloth, tailor finished. The central figure represents a full tailor suit of tan covert, double breasted. The cape on the left is of two shades of gray cloth with white satin inset vest front.

AMERICAN MILLIONS NEEDED.

Marlborough May Lose Blenheim Palace Unless He Weds Miss Consuela Vanderbilt.

Miss Consuela Vanderbilt, whose engagement to the Duke of Marlborough is rumored, is the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William K. Vanderbilt, whose alleged domestic differences have been exploited of late in the newspapers. She is a handsome girl of 18 and has not yet been presented to society. She is rather young to marry, but the millions she will one day inherit are said to be the golden lure that has led the duke to sue for her hand and urge a speedy union. The duke, according to report, is very heavily in debt and will lose Blenheim, the famous home of his more famous ancestors, unless cash in liberal quantities is forthcoming.

The young Duke of Marlborough is the ninth in succession to the ducal title. He was born 23 years ago and was the son of the Marquis of Blandford (afterward Duke of Marlborough) and Lady Albertina Hamilton. His parents were divorced, and his father married Mrs. Louisa Hamersley, who was formerly Miss Lily Price of Troy, N. Y. Mrs. Hamersley then claimed



MISS CONSUELA VANDERBILT.

to be the Duchess of Marlborough, a claim that hardly seemed clear inasmuch as there was already a Duchess of Marlborough. It was lucky for the young duke, however, that his father married again, for the American heiress spent nearly \$1,000,000 in repairing Blenheim palace. She has since been ousted from the palace, but the improvements made by her money still remain. The young duke has always lived with his mother and has taken her side of the quarrel. He took possession of Blenheim immediately after his father's funeral in 1892, dispossessing the alleged American duchess. He was educated at Trinity college, where, it is said, he was distinguished in the classrooms and sports. If he marries Miss Vanderbilt, she will be the duchess and his mother the dowager Duchess of Marlborough.

Blenheim palace has had a most interesting history. Its construction was authorized by parliament in 1704 as a tribute to the brilliant services of the great soldier, John, duke of Marlborough. Parliament failed to supply the funds, however, and the duke's ineffectual effort to avoid paying for the nation's present to him hastened his death. The palace is today one of the most remarkable edifices in Great Britain, largely owing to the expenditure of American millions, and it seems that more American millions are needed in order that the present duke may enjoy splendor of the palatial elephant he finds upon his hands.

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Bright Arctic Nights.

Erroneous opinions are widely entertained concerning the character of the long winter nights of far northern regions. We are apt to think of such nights as being dark, gloomy and depressing in the extreme. As a matter of fact, they are brightened and made cheerful by brilliant moonlight, by the aurora borealis and by the reflective property of the broad, snow covered surfaces.

Attention was recently called to this subject at a meeting of the English Iron and Steel Institute, when the ore treasures of Scandinavia were discussed. The objection was raised against that part of the world as a mining country that for six months it was buried in almost continual night.

In reply to this the facts recited above were pointed out, and it was shown that, in consequence of the nocturnal brightness there, the people are able to carry on work throughout the year without interruption.

The absence of direct sunlight proves a less serious hindrance to their activities than is the oppressive heat endured under a perpendicular sun by the inhabitants of the equatorial regions of the globe.

Quite Natural.

"Ah," exclaimed the cholera germ as he met the bacillus of appendicitis in the cheese plate on the free lunch counter, "how now?"

"I go," rejoined the other wearily, "with the tide."

The full significance of his remark was apparent when a noisy man with bloodshot eyes included him in a sandwich he was constructing.—Detroit Tribune

A Pretty Picture.

Little Girl—Oh, Mr. Wheelman, do stop talking to sister a minute and come and see my kitten. She looks too cunning for anything.

Mr. Wheelman (reluctantly)—Um—what is the kitten doing?

Little Girl—She's standin' up so straight and pretty a-sharpenin' her claws on your bicycle.—Good News.

Went With Him.

Gentleman (to proprietor of restaurant)—Your family has been established here a long time, hasn't it?

Proprietor of Restaurant—Yes, sir. The business used to belong to my grandfather.

Gentleman—And did this fowl belong to him too?—Tit-Bits.

Agreed.

"Might I ask you to favor me with a waltz, mademoiselle?"

"Certainly, monsieur. See here, the last one on my programme."

"But unfortunately I shall not be here by that time."

"No more shall I."—Groslet Havrais.

Sensitive to Impressions.

First Fly—Did it ever occur to you that baldheaded men have a keener sense of humor than others?

Second Fly—Well, I have noticed that they seem to be easily tickled.—Indianapolis Journal.

A Positive Indication.

"There goes a messenger boy on his way home."

"How do you know he's going home?"

"By the way he hurries."—Washington Star.

Something to Fall Back On.

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Appropriate.

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